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TSA



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TSA'S LONG LINES— WHAT'S THE CAUSE?

FACT

It was disclosed that TSA screeners had a failure rate of 95%

FACT

TSA ordered a screening crackdown on all passengers

FACT

TSA uses resources to burden the 99% of travelers and the American public that pose NO risk

FACT

TSA CANNOT staff to traffic

May 26, 2016:
American Airlines reported more than 70,000 passengers missed flights in 2016 due to TSA screening delays



TSA CLAIMS they do not receive enough funding

	ADMINISTRATION REQUESTS	CONGRESS APPROVED	All numbers presented in billions *including fee revenue
Year	DHS Request for TSA	TSA Approps	Full TSA Budget*
FY 16	\$4.766	\$4.86	\$7.347
FY 15	\$4.325	\$4.834	\$7.229
FY 14	\$4.857	\$4.929	\$7.365

FACT

Congress has repeatedly appropriated TSA more funding than the administration requested

FACT

TSA has spent billions on equipment that doesn't work: puffers, backscatter machines, digital applications, etc.

FACT

TSA has 4,000 employees in DC each making on average \$104,000 annually

FACT

On top of a \$181,000 salary, one TSA bureaucrat received \$80,000 in bonuses; more than all screener bonuses combined in FY 2016

FACT

The TSA spent \$50 million changing the color of their uniform from white to blue (mostly purchased from Mexico)



TSA CLAIMS they can hire, retain, and manage its workforce

FACT

As of May 2nd, 2016, TSA had 42,350 screeners, significantly below the 45,000 screener cap, and 16,000 non-screeners

FACT

Although TSA lost 4,644 employees in 2014, they only hired 373

FACT

30% of TSA screeners and 38% of non-screeners washout within the first year

FACT

TSA has a 10% annual turnover rate, creating 4,500 vacancies a year

FACT

TSA can train a maximum of 192 new hires per week



TSA CLAIMS they can secure passenger checkpoints

FACT

The Inspector General reported that the TSA did not properly vet 73 airport employees with links to terrorism

FACT

Media reported that in 2007, with 35,000 screeners TSA had a 75% performance failure rate and in 2015, with 45,000 screeners the failure rate jumped to 95%

TSA FAILURE RATES

2007	2015	
35,000	45,000	screeners
75%	95%	failure

*As reported by the media

FACT

The TSA Behavior Detection Program cost over \$200 million per year and had over 3,000 employees, yet it failed to detect 17 known terrorist moving through our airports 24 times



TSA CLAIMS only the government can perform screening



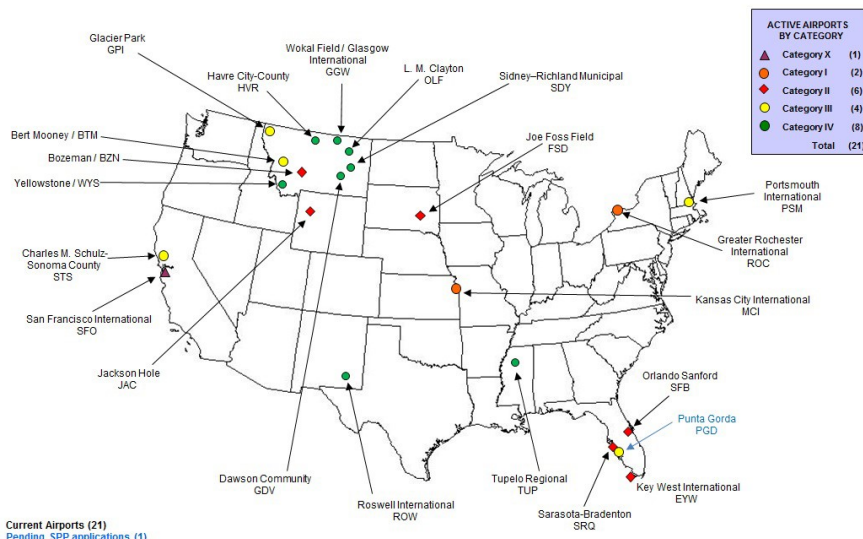
The Department of Defense, nuclear and energy facilities, NSA and numerous federal departments use private screening



TSA has had an opt-out process for airports to replace all federal TSA screening with private screening and federal supervision



Currently, 22 American airports employ private screeners under federal supervision with the Screening Partnership Program



TSA SHOULD ...

FACT

TSA should set the risk-based security strategies, standards, and protocols for private screeners to follow

FACT

TSA should carry out testing on screening check points and audit airport screener performances

FACT

TSA should be responsible for intelligence gathering and connecting-the-dots

FACT

“TSA should remain a high-performing, risk-based intelligence-driven counter-terrorism organization”

-Peter Neffenger, TSA Administrator

FACT

“The office, in which I served, deserves intelligence professionals to lead them. You would never put a program manager or program specialist in charge of the Federal Air Marshals, TSA attorneys or any other office, why would you continue to do it to the intelligence office at TSA?”

-Mark Livingston, Program Manager, Office of the Chief Risk Officer



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on the job because
we stop 100%
of the threats,
5% of the time.

